

SIEC Briefing Paper DIS Grant Application On Behalf of the SIEC to the Department of the Military (for Homeland Security Funding)

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Description

In December the Department of Information Services submitted a grant application to the Department of the Military in order to obtain funding to conduct a statewide (local government) inventory of public safety radio systems and to develop a statewide radio interoperability plan. The grant application was submitted on December 15, 2003 for \$2,380,000.

SIEC staff contacted SAFECOM who pointed them to Booze Allen and Hamilton to help develop an estimated cost for the completion of a statewide survey and preparation of a statewide plan. The estimated amount can be broken down into two major components:

- Conduct a statewide survey: \$ 850,000
- Prepare reports for each RHSCD and compile into one statewide report: \$1,530,000
- Total: \$2,380,000

Recommendations to the Committee

This is a briefing only, no action need be taken by the SIEC at this time.

Status

The grant was submitted on December 15, 2003. As of the writing of this Briefing Paper, the SIEC has been approved by the Governor for some of the \$2.38 million requested. Most likely the SIEC will receive \$850,000 to complete the survey.

Issues

When staff discussed the method of estimating costs associated with a statewide study, Booze Allen and Hamilton advised breaking state plans into sub-sets of plans. The SIEC suggested that staff work closely with the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Districts (RHSCD) for the propagation of the SIEC local government survey. This would enable the SIEC to break the plan into distinct RHSCD districts and to help these districts more directly address interoperability issues.

Background

These funds come from funding granted to the State from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Of all DHS funds coming into the state, local government will receive 80% of the amount of the total grant. All funds outlined above would come from the 20% state share of the grant amount.